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**SACRAMENTO MAN CHARGED WITH CREDIT CARD FRAUD**

SACRAMENTO--United States Attorney McGregor W. Scott announced today that a federal grand jury in Sacramento returned an indictment against AMIR NOSHIN, 21, of Sacramento, charging him with multiple counts of unlawfully possessing a credit card "skimming" device and with credit card fraud.

This case was the product of a joint investigation by the United States Secret Service, Federal Bureau of Investigation, the Citrus Heights Police Department, Folsom Police Department, and the El Dorado Sheriff's Office.

According to Assistant United States Attorney Robin R. Taylor, who is prosecuting the case, the indictment charges that on July 7, 2004, NOSHIN possessed a credit card skimming device, which held more than fifteen fraudulently obtained credit card numbers. The defendant is further charged with possessing a credit card skimming device on November 5, 2004, and for using fraudulently obtained account information to make multiple unlawful ATM withdrawals. By his conduct, the defendant has caused losses of more than \$70,000. More than fifty victims have been identified.

If convicted, the defendant faces a maximum sentence of fifteen years in prison and up to a \$250,000 fine for each count of credit card fraud charged.

The charges in the indictment are only allegations and the defendant is presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty beyond a reasonable doubt.

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